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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

David M Gray

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 10 and 15-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9, 11-14, 19 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Loseries.

Claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Kitai et al.

Claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Yoshizaki.

Claims 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Naka.

The claimed “image capture device housing” is met by front cover 10a and rear cover 10b. The claimed “linear switch” is met by switch 51 which has the discrete positions of off and on. The claimed “switch actuator” is met by the portion of connecting member 44 that engages switch 51. The claimed “switch gear” is met by dial 11, which has an “open portion” including the claimed “detent notches” and click spring 52, see figure 5. Rotation of dial 11 moves

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connecting member 44 linearly as claimed. And dial 11 "is locked into place" by the click spring 52 as claimed.

Regarding claim 16, the claimed "projection" is met by protrusion 11b.

Regarding claim 17, the claimed "spring" is met by click spring 52. And the claimed "detent cap" is met by the curved end of click spring 52 that engages the detent notches.

Regarding claim 18, the claimed "bearing surface" and "walled channel" is met by the surface upon which the dial 11 is mounted, see figure 5.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-9, 11-14, 19 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art does not disclose or suggest "said main shutter blade and said supporting shutter blade are normally open" in combination with the remaining claim elements as set forth in claims 2-7.

The prior art does not disclose or suggest "shutter mechanism additionally includes an alignment system and a damping system" in combination with the remaining claim elements as set forth in claims 8 and 9.

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The prior art does not disclose or suggest " said main shutter blade and said supporting shutter blade are normally open " in combination with the remaining claim steps as set forth in claims 11-14.

The prior art does not disclose or suggest "a joystick nested within the center of said switch gear" in combination with the remaining claim elements as set forth in claims 19 and 20.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David M Gray whose telephone number is 571-272-2219. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T & T-F 7:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Russ Adams can be reached on 571-272-2112. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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